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ON the 26th of *July* last, one *Thomas Davis* and *Andrew Simpson* being at Four a Clock in the Morning about their ho-

neſt vocation of Fiſhing, in which they laboured an hour to no purpoſe; but at length they perceived afar off ſomewhat move in the water, of an unuſual ſhape and bigneſs; upon which they made unto it, but as ſoon as it ſaw them it dived down into the water: ſo that after a tedious and vain ſearch, they returned back to the Town and informed one Mr. *Rocke*, a reſponſible Inhabitant there, of what they had ſeen; who with Three of his Servants came forth with Muskets charged, one ſtanding on the ſhore, and the other two in the Boat with the Fiſher-men, with whom alſo was Mr. *Rocke*. They had

had not long rowed about the River, but they again perceived its head popping up and down, at which they discharged their Pieces, but to little effect: For it dived again out of their view, and did not appear in an hours time after; but upon its rising again they shot it into the back; whereupon it made with all possible speed towards land, where (though with great difficulty) it was taken.

The description of its parts is as follows.

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On the head of this wonderful Creature (which can be no nearer reſembled to any thing, than the head of a man) was long black Hair: its Face had the exact ſhape of a Lion; ſo terrible and grim, that it ſtruck terrour on all that beheld it. It had two fore-feet like thoſe of a Bull, cloven; its hinder feet being like unto an Eagles Talons, with very long and ſharp Nails; ſo that where Nature commonly orders Fins, there were perfect Feet of other Creatures of a clean contrary Element. His mouth was guarded with three long ſharp Horns, with which when he was

was on Land he ſo dangerouſly wounded one of the foreſaid Mr. *Rock*'s ſervants in the thigh, that he remains very ill of the ſame, inſomuch that his Recovery is much doubted by all, notwithſtanding the Advice and Aſsiſtance of the moſt skilful Chirurgeons in thoſe parts. On its Back was the perfect reſemblance of an Hour-glaſs, and the appearance (as ſome fancied) of a Spade and Deaths head, to the amazement of all its Spectators.

It is in length Twelve Foot, and Five in bredth.

On each ſide its Breſt are two Paps, like unto thoſe of women.

Its

Its Belly is ſmooth, being beſpeckled with ſpots of divers colours.

When this Letter came away it was not quite dead, though it had been much wounded; but is with much ado brought into the aforeſaid Town of *Kinſale*, where it now remains the Wonderment of all its numerous beholders.

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